**Exemption from RTI Act**

2638. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of high profile public authorities have sought exemption from the purview of RTI Act;

(b) if so, the details of grounds on which these authorities have sought exemption; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Certain organizations have sought exemption from the purview of the RTI Act and their inclusion in the Second Schedule to the RTI Act on the grounds of those being in the category of Intelligence & and Security Organisations.

(c) These proposals are under consideration of the Government at present.

**Pendency of cases**

2639. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI is examining ways to expedite trial of over 2276 pending cases, that have been gathering dust in various courts for more than 10 years, with 244 of them pending trial for over 20 years;

(b) whether CBI had 8,297 cases awaiting trial in 2006 after completion of investigations for one or the other reasons,

(c) whether NHRC has suggested that CBI be given concurrent jurisdiction, alongwith the State police to take up cases of serious nature in the light of delay and bureaucratic wrangles; and